HOUSE BILL 2029

By Curtiss

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37 and Title 49, relative to education of children in the custody of the department of children's services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

37-5-132.

- (a) Upon the enrollment of a child who is in department custody in an educational program administered by a provider contracting with the department, the school district within which the child resided immediately prior to entering department custody shall be required to provide an amount of monetary support for the educational development of the child that is equal to the amount of monetary support paid by the district for each child attending the district's public schools.
- (b) A contractor that contracts with the department to provide education for children in the custody of the department shall tabulate and record the average daily membership of the educational program for each twenty-day period, including the number of students for whom the contractor has provided educational services, the number of days those students were provided with services, and the school district of origin for each student.
- (c) The contractor may submit such record to each student's school district of origin in order to receive payment for the educational services provided.SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.